(c) what would be the impact on the Indian economy due to suspension of this aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) In the recent years the Australian assistance to India has been of the order of Aus. $ 2 to 3 million per annum. The assistance has been in the nature of technical assistance for a number of projects is Sectors like Animal Husbandry, Rural Development etc. The Australian Government has recently conveyed their intention to phase out this assistance, because of their own economic problems.

(c) As the amount of assistance is not large, it's phasing out is not likely to have much impact on the Indian economy.

Labour Conferences

810. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how may labour conferences were held during the last three years;

(b) what were the recommendations of each of these conferences;

(c) whether any of these recommendations have been implemented, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the recommendation to double Labour Courts/Tribunals has been implemented, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what steps are being taken to implement the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Indian Labour Conference was held in November, 1985.

(b) and (c) A Statement is tached. (*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 34.)

(d) No such recommendation was made by the Indian Labour Conference.

(e) In view of (d) above, does not arise.

Trade Prospects with China

811. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are good prospects of trade with China;

(b) if so, what specific steps have been taken to improve trade with China;

(c) the total turn-out trade between the two countries during the last three years; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up industries under joint ventures in either country as well as third countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Specific steps to improve trade between India and P. R. China include exchange of trade delegations, signing of a trade agreement in August 1984 under which the two Governments agreed to accord Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment on matters relating to bilateral trade, and signing of a trade protocol in November 1985 to facilitate exchange of goods between the two countries during 1986. The two countries have been participating in each other's trade fairs.